



# *Guide to a Greener* **SEGUIN**





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# LIVING GREEN IN SEGUIN

CPS Energy volunteers plant trees and shrubs at Manuel C. Castilla Park for their *Day of Caring*. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark. In a year, one tree can absorb 10 pounds of air pollutants according to [AmericanForests.org](http://AmericanForests.org).





# RECYCLING

## City of Seguin

Residents living inside the city limits of Seguin have weekly single-stream curbside recycling collection provided by Progressive Waste Solutions. A fee is assessed on each residential monthly utility bill and customers are provided with a blue 65-gallon recycle container. Guidelines can be found on the lid of the container. For route and schedule information or questions about acceptability, contact the City of Seguin at 830-379-3212 or visit [www.seguintexas.gov](http://www.seguintexas.gov).

### Instructions

- Place your recycling cart by the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled recycle pickup day.
- Place your cart at least 5 feet from other carts or objects.
- All recyclables must be clean and placed in the cart.
- Recyclables can be mixed together; no need to sort.

### Acceptance Guidelines

- Rinsed plastic bottles and jugs
- Rinsed glass bottles and jars
- Paper, magazines, newspapers, books, junk mail
- Rinsed tin, aerosol, steel and aluminum cans
- Flattened cardboard and food boxes
- No plastic bags
- No yard waste
- No wet or soiled paper or cardboard
- No pizza boxes
- No Styrofoam/polystyrene
- No electronics
- No ceramic or dishes
- No motor oil containers
- No hazardous waste containers
- No light bulbs, window glass or mirrors

## Guadalupe County

Guadalupe County contracts with Bexar Waste to operate three Collection Stations with free recycling of plastics and glass containers, cans, paper and flattened cardboard. Fees apply to dispose of household trash, appliances, bulky items, construction debris, brush, styrofoam, roofing materials and tires. Call the Environmental Health Department at 830-303-8858 or visit [www.co.guadalupe.tx.us](http://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us) for more information.

### Seguin Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 467 and Hwy 46 South, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-372-1799

### Kingsbury Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 2438 and County Road 204, Old Seguin-Luling Road, Wednesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-372-1754

### Marion Guadalupe County Collection Station

FM 78 and Vernell Street, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 830-420-2810

### Instructions

- See the attendant before unloading items.
- Prepare recyclables properly by rinsing all containers and flattening all cardboard.
- Glass and plastic recyclables may be mixed.
- Tin and aluminum cans are collected separately.
- Deposit recyclables loose into collection container. No plastic trash bags are allowed.

### Acceptance Guidelines

- Cardboard and boxboard, flattened and dry
- Waste paper and junk mail
- Rinsed plastic containers with recycle symbols #1-7
- Rinsed glass bottles and jars
- Rinsed tin and aluminum cans
- No hazardous materials or wet paint cans
- No appliances with Freon/refrigerant
- No plastic bags

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If you would like to share your suggestions, update information in this guide or be included in next year's guide, contact the City of Seguin at 830-379-3212.



# A

## Aluminum

- Recycle rinsed, empty, flattened cans in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle rinsed, empty cans at the Guadalupe County Collection Stations.
- Recycle at CMC Recycling at 1558 N. Austin St. for cash redemption.
- Recycle at Platinum Recovery & Recycling at 1515 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Seguin for cash redemption.
- Recycle at Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity, 256 W Court St, (830) 386-3047.

## Appliances

- Replace inefficiency with the Energy Star label.
- GVEC Home Stores offer recycling of old appliances. Call for details.
- Home Depot, Sears and Ranft Appliances offer energy-efficient appliances.
- Contact a licensed air-conditioning contractor to have Freon or other refrigerants safely removed from old air-conditioners, refrigerators or freezers. Discard old appliances at the Guadalupe County Collection Stations for metal recycling after refrigerant is removed. No refrigerants or other hazardous waste accepted. Fees apply.
- CMC Recycling accepts used appliances free of CFC's, mercury switches and putrescible waste.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts used refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water heaters and any appliance for cash redemption.

## Automotive

### Automobiles and Automobile Parts

- CMC Recycling accepts automobiles with clear titles and parts free of CFC's, mercury switches and putrescible waste. All fluids must be drained.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts the following for cash redemption: aluminum rims and tires with rims, alternators, automotive cores, carburetors, catalytic converters, chrome rims, compressors, radiators, starters, transmissions, and other non-ferrous metals

### Batteries

According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), discarding or improperly disposing of a lead-acid auto battery is illegal in Texas.

- Ask your local auto parts store or service shop if they accept extra batteries for proper disposal. Fees may apply.
- CMC Recycling accepts used auto batteries
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts used batteries for cash redemption.

### Motor Oil

Properly dispose of motor oil. Texas law prohibits dumping oil into storm drains or waterways.

- Ask your local auto parts store or service station if they will accept motor oil for proper disposal. Fees may apply.
- Guadalupe County Collection Station (Marion): 830-420-2810. Used motor oil collected at FM 78 and Vernell Street. Open Wednesday-Saturday, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Fees may apply. See attendant.

### Tires

Dispose of Properly

- Guadalupe County Collection Stations recycle tires (rims and sidewalls removed) for fees: car and pick-up tires - \$2.50 each, large truck/18 wheeler tires—\$15.00; and tractor tires - \$25.
- Seguin residents call 830-401-2416 for the date of the next free City Clean-up Day for tire collection. Clean-up Days are scheduled twice annually.
- Tires with aluminum rims can be sold at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.
- Carter's Tire Center, Inc. will recycle tires, call for details (830) 372-5767.
- Lippe Tire Center will recycle tires, call for details (830) 379-0550.
- Report illegal tire dumping immediately!
  - Seguin Police Department, 830-379-2123
  - Guadalupe County Sheriff, 830-379-1224

# B

## Batteries

Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts NiCad, lead, lithium, ion and cell phone batteries for cash redemption.

### Rechargeable Batteries

Dispose at Collection Centers:

- Home Depot, 201 Interstate 10 West, Seguin
- Radio Shack, 1500 E. Court Street, Seguin

### Single Use Batteries

Dispose at Collection Centers:

- Sur-Powr Battery, 1718 N Interstate 35, San Mar-





cos, TX 78666. Call for details (512) 396-7107

- Interstate All-Battery Center at 8143 Agora Parkway, Suite 125, Schertz. Accepts all single use batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) Monday. – Saturday from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.. Call 210-566-7702.

## Brush

- City residents have curbside brush pick-up once every five weeks. Call the Brush Department at 830-401-2416 to determine your week of service. Brush shall be limited to five (5) feet in length, twelve (12) inches in diameter and forty (40) pounds in weight for any single branch.
- County residents can take brush to any of the three Collection Stations in Marion, Kingsbury or Seguin. Fees apply. Charges are determined by volume, so the more compact your load, the lower the fee.

## Building Materials

- Donate to a Good Cause. Extra lumber, undamaged doors, windows, etc., call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.
- Sell used wire fencing to Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

# C

## Cardboard

Recycle clean, dry and flattened cardboard. Greasy pizza boxes and wet or food-contaminated cardboard are not recyclable.

- Recycle clean, dry and flattened cardboard in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Dispose of clean, dry and flattened cardboard at Guadalupe County Collection Stations in Seguin, Marion and Kingsbury.
- Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

## Cast Aluminum & Cast Iron

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

## Clothing & Household Items

### Donate to:

- Goodwill, 1431 E. Court Street, Seguin. Drop off in rear of the building
- The Cranny, 113 N. River Street, Seguin

- Silver Center Thrift Store, 536 E. Court Street, Seguin
- Hope Chest, 805 W. Kingsbury Street, Seguin
- South TX Pregnancy Care Center. Infant clothes up to 24 months, maternity clothes and baby items accepted. 975 W. Court St., 830-303-2151.
- Hold a yard sale! City residents need a permit. Call 830-401-2435.

## Cell Phones

- AT&T, Pocket, Verizon, Sprint and other phone retailers collect old cell phones.
- Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.
- Contact local schools to inquire if they collect old cell phones as fundraising opportunities.

## Coat Hangers

- Recycle at your local dry cleaner.

## Community Involvement

- Become a Certified Master Gardener. Sponsored by Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension, Master Gardener is an educational sharing horticultural program. Take a class by contacting Kay McElveen at 830-401-4420 or Mike Murley at 830-491-8501 or visit [www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org).
- Become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist. Sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension, Master Naturalists is a natural resource-based volunteer training program for nature interpretation and citizen science. Register for the next class by contacting the Agri-Life office at 830-379-1972 or visit <http://txmn.org/guadalupe>

## Community Gardens

- Christian Cupboard Garden, 516 N. Camp Street
- Senior Community Garden, Eden Cross/Eden Place Residences, 1240 Jefferson Avenue
- Garden of Eatin', Emanuel's Lutheran, 206 N. Travis Street
- LULAC Community Garden, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and New Braunfels Avenue
- Guadalupe County Community Garden by Master Gardeners. Texas A&M Agri-Life, 1101 Elbel Road, Schertz, TX





## Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

Replace incandescent bulbs to Halogen incandescent, compact fluorescent (CFL) and light-emitting-diode (LED) bulbs use 25-80% less energy and last longer. See [tceq.texas.gov](http://tceq.texas.gov) for conservation tips.

- Bring used CFLs to any GVEC Home Store
- Recycle CFLs at Home Depot, 201 Interstate 10 West, Seguin

Do **not** dispose of used bulbs in your garbage. CFLs and other fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. When a fluorescent bulb breaks some of this mercury is released as mercury vapor. The EPA recommends following these cleanup procedures:

- Have people and pets leave the room.
- Air out the room for 5-10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air-conditioning system, if you have one.
- Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder. Do **not** vacuum.
- Scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- Place the used tape in the glass jar or plastic bag. Place cleanup materials in a sealable container.

## Computers

See Electronics

## Creek Clean Up

Volunteer for the annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Clean Up Day. Be a part of this local voluntary effort by helping remove trash and debris that drain to local creeks. Go to [www.geronimocreek.org](http://www.geronimocreek.org) for more information.

## D

## Demolition Debris

- Apache Disposal in Marion is a certified construction and demolition recycler. Wood debris will be mulched, concrete made into road base and metals recycled. Call 830-914-3900.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts wire fencing for cash redemption.

## E

## Egg Cartons

Donate egg cartons to the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, Seguin. Open Monday-Thursday, 9-Noon.

## Electric Motors & Electric Scrap

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

## Electricity

Energy Saving Tips:

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs). When your CFLs are finally spent, recycle them — See Compact Fluorescent Bulbs.
- Install motion sensor lights so you only pay for light when you need it
- Energy Star appliances can cut energy consumption by 5 % for dishwashers, 20% for clothes dryer and 25% for clothes washer
- Service your air conditioner routinely. The best way to keep your air conditioner running at peak efficiency is to spend a few hours each year on basic maintenance—cleaning and straightening the fins, changing the filter and lubricating the motor.
- Electronics guzzle lots of power even when they're turned off, upto \$180 per year for the average household. Stop wasting electricity: Plug them into a power strip, then turn off the strip.
- Keep your dryer safe and efficient by cleaning lint out of the ductwork once a year
- Your refrigerator uses more electricity than all your other kitchen appliances combined. To keep its energy costs down, clean the coils twice a year, which improves efficiency by 30% to 50%

## Electronics and Computers

- Recycle by brand name. Texas law requires manufacturers to provide Texas household consumers with free and reasonably convenient collection, re-use and recycling opportunities for computer monitors, desktop and notebook computers and their accompanying keyboards and mice. By law, you will be responsible for any confidential information left on the computer equipment, so be sure to erase all personal data with a hard-drive scrubbing program before disposal. Go to [www.TexasRecyclescomputers.org](http://www.TexasRecyclescomputers.org) and enter the brand name and find the nearest collection center.
- Goodwill accepts all consumer electronics at





1431 E. Court Street, Seguin at the rear of the building.

- Office Depot's Tech Recycling Service costs \$5, \$10, or \$15 depending on the size of the box you need. Printers, scanners, fax machines, televisions, telephones, VCRs, DVDs, cords, cables and computers are accepted. See a store associate for details.
- Best Buy locations in New Braunfels, Selma and San Marcos accept all consumer electronics for recycling. Most are free, but check [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) for possible fees and offers. Best Buy accepts every home electronic device imaginable, from turntables to boom boxes, alarm clocks, CD players, radios, cell phones, DVD players, webcams, PC game controllers, digital cameras, LCD and plasma screens, GPS systems, inkjet cartridges, media players, medical equipment, heart monitors, camcorders, calculators, fax machines, scanners, printers, TIVO receivers, telephones, TV cables, power strips, two-way radios, vacuum cleaners and more.
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling accepts computer boards and internal parts; mother boards, finger boards, keyboards and printers for cash redemption. No computer monitors.

## Eyeglasses

Recycle in Lions Club boxes in optometrists' offices and at the Silver Center, 510 E. Court Street, Seguin.

## F

### Farmers'/Gardeners' Markets

#### Buy from Local Markets

- Visit Guadalupe Valley Gardeners Market on Saturdays year round from 8 a.m.-Noon for fresh garden produce at the Silver Center parking lot, 510 E. Court Street, Seguin, 830-379-4642.
- My Father's Farm is a local organic farm. Produce is sold in HEB Central Market. For public purchase call 830-822-0200. [myfathersfarm.org](http://myfathersfarm.org)
- MooJesus Raw Milk Dairy at Everything Jesus Ranch at 12061 FM 466 in Seguin. Organic raw milk, pasteurized meat and poultry, eggs, cheese, vegetables and more. Purchase by appointment, call 830-491-8557. They offer Total Experience Saturdays, be an Organic Farmer for the day. Visit [www.moojesus.com](http://www.moojesus.com)

## Furniture

Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate gently used furniture and ar-

range pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.

## G

### Garden Supplies

Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up of garden supplies. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.

## Glass

Most glass food and beverage containers are 100 % recyclable and can be reused over and over again. If not recycled, a glass bottle takes 1 million years to break down at a landfill.

- Recycle clean glass bottles and jars in your City of Seguin weekly collection or at Guadalupe County Collection Stations. Drinking glasses, light bulbs, window panes and mirrors are NOT accepted.

### Grocery Bags

- Re-use cloth bags and recycle plastic bags.
- Purchase reusable cloth bags for shopping.
- Donate plastic grocery bags to the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, open Monday-Thursday
- Recycle plastic bags at HEB, 1368 E. Court Street.
- Recycle plastic bags at Walmart, 550 S. Hwy 123 Bypass.

## H

### Holiday Lights

- Replace old incandescent holiday lights with LED lights. Using Energy Star LED light strands can save 70% less energy than traditional bulbs. They are brighter, eco-friendly, safer and last ten times longer than incandescent lights.
- Limit hour usage or install automatic timers.
- Use traditional electricity-free decorations, such as ribbons, wreaths, garland, etc.
- Instead of tossing old lights into landfills, sell them to Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Never pour oils, chemicals, paints, fertilizers or prescriptions down a drain.

- The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) periodically funds a hazardous waste





collection. Watch local news media for the next scheduled collection date.

- The City of Seguin coordinates household hazardous waste collection for City residents as grants become available and awarded. Call to find out the next collection date, 830-379-3212.

## Household Products

Use environmentally friendly household products rather than harsh chemicals when possible.

- Pure & Gentle is a Seguin-based company producing various eco-friendly soaps and cleaning products. Call them at 830-379-1937 or 1-800-876-9455 or [www.pureandgentlesoap.com](http://www.pureandgentlesoap.com).

## I

### Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping fouls our rivers and creeks, harms livestock and wildlife and threatens our groundwater. If you see or suspect illegal dumping, report it! If you see someone in the act, call immediately!

- Seguin Police Department, 830-379-2123
- Guadalupe County Sheriff, 830-379-1224

### Ink Cartridges

- Recycle at no charge at Office Depot, 1500 E. Court Street, Seguin.
- Pick up free mail-in envelopes at Walmart, 550 S. Hwy 123 Bypass, Seguin.

## K

### Kitchen Compost

Start a compost pile in your backyard by collecting egg shells, tea bags, coffee grinds, and fruit and vegetable scraps with no oils or meat products. Layer between leaves and grass clippings, keep moist and turn over regularly to make organic compost for your yard or garden.

## L

### Lawn Management

Choose your landscape for your yard wisely. Select drought-tolerant native plants to save water, energy and time. Use the least-toxic pesticides that will do the job.

### Plant a Tree

Trees provide shade to homes, businesses, roads and parking lots. Just three large trees around your home — two on the west side and one on the east — can provide enough shade to reduce your air-conditioning costs by 30% in the summer. Plant a tree to shade the area over and around your outside air-conditioning unit to save even more. Call 811 before you dig a hole for a new tree.

### Lawnmowers

Recycle used lawnmowers for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

### Lead Batteries & Lead Wheel Weights

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling.

### Leaves

Mulch them! Don't waste trash bags or landfill space with fallen leaves. Run over them twice with a mulching mower and let decompose on your lawn to feed your grass, or rake them into garden beds for free and fertile compost.

### Light Bulbs

See Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

## M

### Magazine Subscriptions

Share magazines or donate them to retirement homes, waiting rooms or the Seguin Public Library.

### Metals

Recycle scrap metal: aluminum, brass, cast iron, copper, nickel, lead, stainless steel and many alloys for cash redemption at:

- CMC Recycling, 830- 372-8550
- Platinum Recovery & Recycling, 830-303-8916
- Green Guy Recycling, 512-353-3266

### Mulch

Free mulch is available to Seguin residents residing inside the city limits. Amount is limited to availability and must be loaded by resident into their own vehicles. Delivery is available by the truckload upon request. Mulch pickup area is located at 634 Fred Byrd Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Public Works at 830-401-2416 for more details.





# N

## Native Texas Plants

Grow naturally. Don't waste water on thirsty exotic plants. Ask for Texas native plants at local nurseries. Learn more at the Guadalupe County Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas monthly meetings. For information call 830-303-0333.

# P

## Paint

- Donate full paint cans to Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity. Call 830-389-3047 to arrange pick-up. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street, Seguin.
- To properly dispose of paint, remove lid and let dry. When hard, throw out with garbage.

## Paper

Recycle and support local schools and churches. These paper recycling bins accept newspapers, telephone books, junk mail, magazines and catalogues.

- American Legion Auxiliary, 618 E. Kingsbury
- Ball Elementary, 620 W. Krezdorn
- Briesemeister Middle School, 1616 W. Court Street
- Cross United Church Of Christ, 814 N. Bauer Street
- Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis
- First Baptist Church, 1314 E. Cedar
- First United Methodist, 710 N. Austin Street
- First Presbyterian Church, 305 N. King
- Guadalupe Blanco River Authority, 933 E. Court
- Guadalupe County, 209 E. Donegan Street
- Guadalupe County Collection Station, FM 467 and Hwy 46
- Jefferson Avenue Elementary, 215 Short
- Jim Barnes Middle School, 1539 Joe Carrillo Blvd
- Koennecke Elementary School, 1441 Joe Carrillo Blvd
- Mary B. Erskine Education Center, 216 E. College
- Navarro Middle School, 300 Link Road, Geronimo
- Navarro Elementary School, 380 Link Road, Geronimo
- Navarro High School, 6450 State Hwy 123 N. Geronimo
- Seguin High School, 815 Lamar

- SISD Administration Office, 1221 E. Kingsbury
- Vogel Elementary School, 16121 FM 725
- Weinert Elementary School, 1111 N. Bruns

## Parks

Enjoy Seguin's green space. Call Seguin Parks and Recreation Department at 830-401-2480 for more information.

- Blumberg Park: playscape, pavilion, basketball court
- Central Park: gazebo, fountain
- Manuel Castilla Park: pavilions, basketball court, playscape, walking trail
- Max Starcke Park: disc golf, wave pool, golf course, paddling trail, pavilions, BBQ grills, walking trail, fishing point, playscape, Barky Park-Seguin's dog park
- Park West: pavilions, playscape, splash pad, skate park, BMX Dirt bike track, walking trails, concessions on the weekends, BBQ grills, basketball courts, sports fields
- Veteran's Park: memorial
- Walnut Springs Park: hike and bike trail

## Pets

Spay or neuter your pet. Nationwide millions of pets are euthanized each year because of pet over population. Visit Seguin's dog park, Barky Park, in Max Starcke Park, River Drive West.

- Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste properly, especially in public areas, per city ordinance
- Please don't leave animals unattended in your vehicle, per City Ordinance.
- Adopt a pet from:
  - Seguin Animal Services, Fred Byrd Drive, 830-401-2335.
  - Guadalupe County Animal Control, 2617 N. Guadalupe Street, 830-303-8853
  - Guadalupe County Humane Society, 2484 Tx-46, 830-372-2055

## Plastic

- Rinse and recycle containers with #1-7 stamped in a triangle on bottom.
- Recycle in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle at Guadalupe County Collection Stations.

## Plastic Bags

- Do not place loose plastic grocery bags in





City recycle bins. They cause mechanical disruption at the recycle collection facility. For explanation on how to properly dispose of bags, call the City of Seguin at 830-379-3212.

- Extra plastic bags are needed at the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp Street, Seguin, Monday-Thursday, 830-379-4857.
- Return plastic bags to grocery stores for recycling.

## Prescription Drugs

- Discard old medicines safely and never down the drain.
- Takeaway Environmental Return System offered at CVS Pharmacy, 110 S. King Street, Seguin. Call for details 830-379-9741.
- The Seguin Police Department collects old prescriptions annually at the Earth Day Festival at Central Park, 201 South Austin Street, the last Saturday of April. Drop off at the City of Seguin exhibit.

## Q

### Quit Rinsing & Start Scraping

Save water and reduce pollution in the Guadalupe River by scraping your dirty dishes into the trash. Don't rinse fats and oils down the drain.

## R

### Reusable Grocery Bags

Take reusable bags to the supermarket every time, and keep a supply in your car for those last-minute items.

### Ride the *Connect Seguin* Bus

Leave the car at home! Take the *Connect Seguin* bus service that runs daily, Monday Friday. The bus departs from the Seguin Public Library from 7am-5pm, on the hour. The *Connect Seguin* bus route is a loop that goes to fixed bus stops around town including: Central Park, Hospital, Wal-Mart, Texas Workforce Solutions, ZDT, TLU, MHMR Bluebonnet Trails and more. Regular fare is \$1, half price for seniors and students with identification and free for uniformed military, police and fire personnel.

Public transportation reduces gasoline consumption and carbon emissions, increases economic growth and saves money. Call 866-889-7433 for more infor-

mation. Visit [www.aacog.com/463/Connect-Seguin](http://www.aacog.com/463/Connect-Seguin)

## S

### Shell Casings, Spent

Sell for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling

### Shoes

If there's still some wear and tear left in your shoes, donate them to a local resale store.

### Shopping

- Select items with the least amount of packaging.
- Choose items with highest recycled content.
- Buy used merchandise at resale shops.
- Purchase higher quality items rather than disposable.
- Use reusable bags for shopping.

### Storm Drains

Water that flows into storm drains and street gutters is not treated and filtered for pollutants. This contaminated water flows directly into local creeks, streams and rivers and then ends up in the ocean. Everything other than pure rain water is a potential contaminant that degrades water quality. It is important that you help prevent contaminants from flowing into storm drains and never pour anything into them. Intentionally pouring water and pollutants into storm drains is dangerous to the environment and is illegal.

### Styrofoam Peanuts

Donate for Reuse:

- UPS Store, 562 State Hwy 123 Bypass, Seguin
- UPs and Grounds, 1136 E. Kingsbury Street, Seguin
- Green Guy Recycling, 937 Hwy 80, San Marcos

## T

### Tin Cans

Rinse out tin cans and recycle.

- Recycle in your City of Seguin weekly pick up.
- Recycle at Guadalupe County Collection Stations.
- Recycle at Platinum Recovery & Recycling for cash redemption.

### Televisions





- Find a Recycling Center. Texas law requires manufacturers to provide Texas household consumers with free and reasonably convenient collection, re-use and recycling opportunities for televisions. Go to [www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org](http://www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org) to find the nearest TV collection center. Tube TVs are CRTs, flat screen TVs are in the LCD category.
- Donate old working televisions at Goodwill at 1431 E. Court Street, Seguin.
- Best Buy stores in New Braunfels, San Marcos or The Forum in Selma also collect tube (CRT) televisions for a \$10 recycling fee, with a \$10 gift certificate toward a new TV. A pick-up service is available for old televisions larger than 32". Check [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com) for the latest acceptance and fee information.
- Adjust water level on washing machine to match load size.
- Save up to 2 gallons a minute by turning off the water faucet when brushing your teeth and shaving.
- Take shorter showers or don't fill all the bathtub.
- Use a sprinkler with large water drops instead of a mist; better yet, use a soaker hose.
- Use a cut-off nozzle when washing your car instead of running water continuously.
- Mulch trees and plants to retain moisture and prevent evaporation.
- Learn more at [www.gbpa.org](http://www.gbpa.org).

## Walking Trails

- Call Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity at 830-389-3047 to donate and arrange pick-up of power tools, hand tools and lawn tools. Items will be sold at their store at 256 W. Court Street.
- Recycle used lawnmowers for cash redemption at Platinum Recovery & Recycling. Must have no gas and no oil.
- Manuel Castilla Walking Trail
- Park West Walking Trail
- Starcke Park East Walking Trail
- TLU Campus Walking Trail
- Vogel Elementary School Walking Trail
- Weinert Elementary School Walking Trail
- Walnut Springs Hike & Bike Trail

## Toys and Baby Items

- Donate baby and children's items to South Texas Pregnancy Care Center at 975 W. Court Street, 830-303-2151.

## X,Y,Z

## Zero-Waste

Live with a reduce, re-use and recycle lifestyle. Texans throw away about 6 pounds of trash per day according to [takecareoftexas.org](http://takecareoftexas.org). Re-use and repurpose what you already have. Recycle more, spend less and enjoy our beautiful planet.

## V

## Vegetables

See Farmers'/Gardeners' Market

## W

## Water

### Save Water!

- Follow your utility's guidelines on landscape watering. Avoid watering your lawn mid-day, before dawn or after dusk allows for better water absorption.
- Install a rainwater collection system.
- Repair leaks and drips immediately. A leaking faucet can waste up to 3,000 gallons per year.
- Plant native or adapted water-wise landscaping.
- Install water-saving devices on showers, sinks, and toilets.





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**Apache Disposal**, 13333 W IH 10, Marion, (830) 914-3900  
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**Connect Seguin fixed bus route**, (866) 889-7433  
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**Guadalupe County Animal Control**, 2617 N Guadalupe St, (830) 303-8853  
**Guadalupe County Chapter of Nature Plant Society of TX**, (830) 303-0333  
**Guadalupe County Community Garden by Master Gardeners Texas Agri-Life**, 100 E Live Oak, [www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org), (830) 401-4420  
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**South Texas Pregnancy Center**, 975 W Court St, (830) 303-2151

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## Helpful Resources

American Forest Organization: [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org)  
Keep Texas Beautiful: <http://www.ktb.org/>  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)  
Recycling centers for computers: [www.TexasRecyclesComputers.org](http://www.TexasRecyclesComputers.org)  
Television recycling centers: [www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org](http://www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org)  
Improve air and water quality: [www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org)  
How to recycle E-Waste: [www.greenenergadgets.org](http://www.greenenergadgets.org)  
Find a recycling center: [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)  
Find a battery collection center: [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)  
For current environmental issues: [www.texasenvironment.org](http://www.texasenvironment.org)  
Air, water, land and energy issues at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)  
Energy Conservation tips: [www.GVEC.com](http://www.GVEC.com)  
Water Conservation tips: [www.GBRA.org](http://www.GBRA.org)







# Reduce

# Reuse

# Recycle

# Repurpose

- In 2012, Americans recycled or composted about 1/3 of their waste. Recycling and composting that much waste saved enough energy to power 10 million U.S. homes for a year.
- One ton of paper manufactured from recycled paper saves up to 17 trees and uses 50 percent less water.
- It almost always takes less energy to make a product from recycled materials than it does to make it from new materials. One recycled aluminum can saves enough energy to run a computer for three hours or a TV for two hours.
- Small amounts of waste can have a big impact. One gallon of oil can contaminate up to one million gallons of drinking water—a year's supply for 50 people.
- Water is a finite resource—even though about 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water, less than one percent is available for human use.
- With a new water-efficient showerhead, a five-minute shower uses less water than a full bath.
- A faucet leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- Most glass food and beverage containers are 100 percent recyclable and can be reused over and over again. If not recycled, a glass bottle takes one million years to break down at a landfill.
- Scientists estimate that Texas could meet half of its needs for electricity with renewable energy sources such as wind and sun. Not only are renewable sources better for the environment, they are free!
- Plastic beverage bottles can be recycled into other usable items such as fleece, sleeping bags, and backpacks. It is estimated that 1,200 plastic soda bottles could be recycled into carpeting for an average-sized living room.



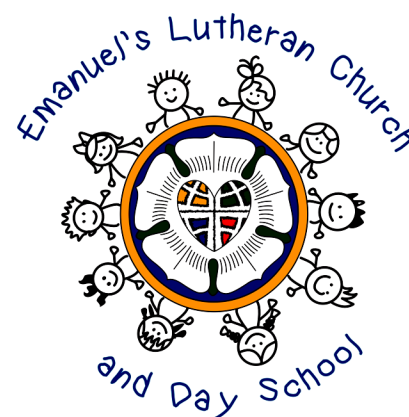
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